

Ambulance Drivers and Attendants

(Except Emergency Medical Technicians)

AMBULANCE DRIVERS and ATTENDANTS drive an ambulance or assist ambulance drivers in transporting sick, injured, or convalescent patients to their destination. Ambulance Drivers place patients on a stretcher and load the stretcher into the ambulance usually with the help of an Ambulance Attendant. They also administer first aid as needed.

Ambulance Drivers and Attendants may report facts concerning an accident or injury to hospital personnel or law enforcement officials.

Drivers and Attendants replace ambulance supplies and disposable items, and change equipment to maintain sanitary conditions.

Requirements

- ▲ High school diploma or equivalent.
- ▲ Valid California driver's license with a good driving record.
- ▲ Physical stamina to lift and turn patients.
- ▲ Good judgment.
- ▲ Ability to work in stressful situations.
- ▲ Strong desire to help others.
- ▲ Fingerprint clearance may be required by employer.

Wages

- ▲ Ambulance Drivers and Attendants
Median hourly wage: \$11.02
- ▲ Average annual wage: \$26,857

Source: Occupational Employment Survey of Employers 2006 by EDD/LMID.

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Job Outlook

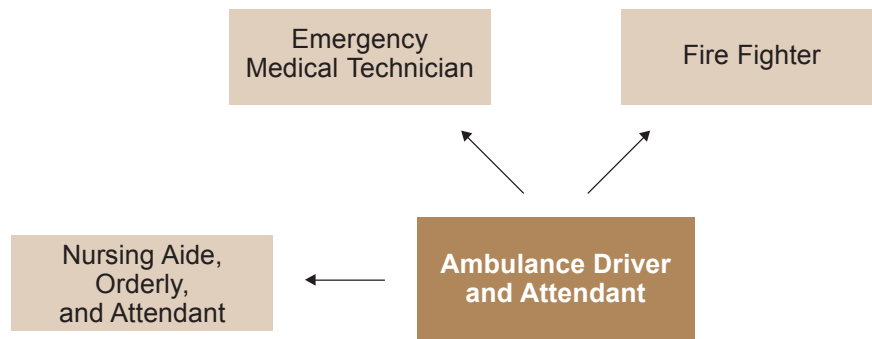
- ▲ Estimated number of Ambulance Drivers and Attendants in 2004: 1,100
- ▲ Estimated number of Ambulance Drivers and Attendants in 2014: 1,500
- ▲ Estimated annual job openings: 50

Source: Occupational Projections, EDD/LMID.

Sources of Information

- ▲ Emergency Medical Services Authority
(916) 322-4336
www.emsa.ca.gov

Possible Career Paths



The skills, knowledge, and abilities acquired for the primary occupation provide a solid foundation for further growth in health career occupations. Additional education or training is often required.